

# Melinda's Choice®



'SHENANDOAH'  
SWITCH GRASS



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Picture and information intended  
as a helpful guide.

## Panicum virgatum 'Shenandoah' SHENANDOAH SWITCH GRASS



FULL TO  
PART SUN



HEIGHT  
4'



SPREAD  
2-3'



PRAIRIE  
GARDEN



CUT OR  
DRIED FLOWER



UPRIGHT  
GROWTH

I have often thought the colorful flowers of this ornamental grass look like fireworks exploding 1 to 2 feet above the leaves! Shenandoah is an upright grass with softer foliage in a true green color that turns to tones of dark red in July. The plumes of airy panicles bloom in July-August with a soft rose tint and the whole plant turns a powerful burgundy color in late fall. Plant this grass as a specimen, in mass for a drift of color, in the prairie garden, border garden, in containers, or use as a cut or dried flower. For a nice contrast mix the bold textures of coneflowers, black-eyed Susans, and goldenrod with the light, airy appearance of switchgrass. Cut this grass back in late winter before new growth begins and do note that it is late to emerge in spring. This grass thrives in rich, well-drained soil in full to part sun. Apply a 2-3" layer of mulch or organic material to conserve moisture and improve the soil. It is hardy in Zone 4.

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